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SUBJ: BACKLOG OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE APPLICANTS

COPY TO GROVER, ARA/EX

1. IMMIGRANT VISA WORK AT MONTERREY WILL BE IN BACKLOG SITUATION IN FEBRUARY. BASIC REASON IS DEPT'S INABILITY FILL TWO FSL POSITIONS REQUESTED FOR FY 1975 TO COPE WITH RAPIDLY INCREASING IV WORKLOAD. ADDED TO THIS IS EMBASSY'S LACK OF FUNDS TO PAY OVERTIME WHICH COULD CORRECT SITUATION ON TEMPORARY BASIS.

2. ADVANCEMENT PRIORITY DATE FOR DECEMBER ISSUANCE OF FIVE WEEKS INSTEAD OF FOUR PLACED US IN BACKLOG SITUATION. WE CORRECTED THIS BY OBTAINING EMBASSY AUTHORIZATION FOR OVERTIME IN JANUARY AND SCHEDULING 200 IV APPOINTMENTS DAILY FOR JANUARY.

3. ON DECEMBER 20, DUE TO NEW FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS, EMBASSY FORCED RESCIND AUTHORIZED OVERTIME AND ASKED US RESCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS. RATHER THAN DO THIS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY TIME CONSUMING, WE MAINTAINED 200 SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS AND PLANNED COMPENSATORY LEAVE IN FEBRUARY FOR IV OFFICERS AND FSL EMPLOYEES.

4. PRIORITY DATE FOR FEBRUARY ISSUANCE ADVANCED SIX WEEKS. WE CANNOT SCHEDULE ALL THES PEOPLE FOR FEBRUARY AND WE WILL HAVE TO SCHEDULE MOST OF THEM FOR MARCH. WE ESTIMATE THAT AT END OF FEBRUARY WE WILL HAVE BACKLOG OF 1,000 RPT 1,000 WESTERN HEMISPHERE APPLICANTS.

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5. ONLY REAL SOLUTION THIS SITUATION IS AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING TWO

FSL POSITIONS WE DESPERATELY NEED. OTHERWISE WE WILL HAVE STEADILY  
DETERIORATING SITUATION. OUR IV WORKLOAD HAS DOUBLED SINCE FY 71  
AND THE RATE OF INCREASE CONTINUES TO ACCELERATE. WESTERN HEMISPHERE  
APPLICANTS REGISTERED FOR AND WITH PRIORITY DATES OF 1973 NUMBERED  
17,522 AND FOR 1974 22,054. MEANWHILE, SINCE FY-71 OUR STAFF HAS  
INCREASED BY A SINGLE LOCAL EMPLOYEE.

6. WE CANNOT REMAIN CURRENT WITH PRESENT IV STAFF, PARTICULARLY WHEN  
EMBASSY IS UNABLE PAY OVERTIME. UNLESS DEPT CAN AUTHORIZE AND FUND  
THE TWO REQUESTED FSL POSITIONS FOR FY 1975 SOONEST, WESTERN  
HEMISPHERE BACKLOG SITUATION WILL RAMAIN AND MAY INCREASE.  
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